concession paid on fertilizers during the last five years is given in the table below:

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Amount of Subsidy paid on urea	Amount of concession paid on decontrolled Phosphatic and potassic fertilizers
1999-2000	8744.07	4500.00
2000-01	9480.98	4319.00
2001-02	8304.34	4503.52
2002-03	7790.00	3224.52
2003-04	8521.00	3326.00
2004-05 (up to 30.6.2004)	3338.11	1032.94

During the current financial year, the Department has asked for additional funds to the tune of Rs. 4950 crore over the budget estimate of 8143 crore in respect of urea and Rs. 1428 crore over the budget estimate of Rs. 4046 crore in respect of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers due to increase in subsidy/concession expenditure on account of steep increase in cost of raw materials/inputs used in the manufacture of fertilizers.

Demand and supply position of fertilizers

94. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand and supply of fertilizers during the last five years; year-wise and item-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a huge gap between demand and supply and thereby affecting the productivity of agriculture;

(c) the measures Government have taken or propose to take to cut down demand and supply gap; and

(d) to what extent Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project helps in reducing demand position of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) Details of the demand, supply and consumption of major fertilizers namely urea, DAP and MOP in the country during the last five years (year-wise and item-wise) are as follows:-

(lakh MT)

Year	Particular	Urea	DAP	MOP
1999-2000	Demand	217.18	66.26	22.25
	Supply	226.13	79.31	33.98
	Consumption	202.78	69.37	20.49
2000-01	Demand	207.02@	74.97	23.83
	Supply	219.71	66.94	29.91
	Consumption	191.86	58.85	18.29
2001-02	Demand	213.06	74.95	23.74
	Supply	216.83	68.77	32.58
	Consumption	199.17	61.81	19.92
2002-03	Demand	213.68	72.88	23.72
	Supply	203.27	62.30	29.33
	Consumption	184.93	54.73	19.12
2003-04	Demand	211.60	71.89	23.73
	Supply	204.29	62.88	27.80
	Sales*	195.80	55.19	22.97

* in the absence of consumption the sales figures are given.
@ after surrender of urea by some States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government has been pursuing policies, which are conducive for encouraging investment in fertilizer sector so as to achieve self-sufficiency in meeting the indigenous requirement of major fertilizers. In

case of urea, the Government has recently announced the pricing policy for investment to be made in (a) new and expansion projects of urea; and (b) existing non-gas based urea units converting to natural gas/LNG for feedstock/fuel. In order to augment indigenous availability of urea, IFFCO and KRIBHCO the multi-state cooperative societies, are setting up a joint venture in Sur, Oman with Oman Oil Company. Besides, KRIBHCO has proposed to set up an expansion project at Hazira with an annual capacity of 10.56 lakh MT. On the other hand, installed capacity 54.20 lakh MT in nutrient terms) of phosphatic fertilizers is sufficient enough to meet the current level of requirement (average consumption of 46.47 lakh MT of last three years). As regard MOP, the country is dependent totally on imports in the absence of any exploitable reserves of potash in the country.

(d) Additional supply of 16.52 lakh MT per annum of urea will be available from July, 2005 onward to the country from the Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project (OMIFCO) for the next 15 years.

Prices of chemical fertilizers

†95. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of chemical fertilizers have increased in the country during the last four years;

(b) if so, the prices of various types of fertilizers as on 2nd May, 2004;

(c) to what extent these prices were higher, in terms of percentage, than the prices of fertilizers in may, 2000; and

(d) the amount of subsidy given by Government in fertilizers sector in the year ending March, 2000 and the year ending March, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.